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Subject: Re: Reedy River Sampling Data

Thank you, Henry. I completely understand.

Please recognize my intent is not to interfere with the Department's duty and process in any way.

At the same time, this work is a result of my petitioning of EPA-R4 on behalf of the Conestee Foundation to further assess the Lake Conestee Site (Dec 18-Jan 19).

No party has a higher level of interest in the outcome of this process than the Foundation. Our interest is simply in assuring the Department's review considers all relevant data, is thorough, complete, and in context.

I'm simply here to help, as this has been a partnership with SCDHEC since 1998.

Here is what I can offer, if you choose to have your team take advantage.

- Intimate familiarity with the TBA sampling activities and related activities at the LC Site, upstream and downstream, from 2000-2008.
- Unequaled knowledge of the Site, site (and dam) history and management, relevant conditions, and relationship to upstream and downstream areas relevant to the inquiry.
- Data and context for supplemental sampling done above and below the LC Dam in 2008, 2012, and other efforts.
- Insights on potential sources along the Reedy River industrial corridor from independent studies conducted in the course of construction of the Swamp Rabbit Trail from Travelers Rest to Conestee.
- Insights on historical industrial sources of contamination within the upstream Reedy River industrial corridor, from extensive personal/professional research.
- Data from independent sampling upstream and downstream.
- Data from independent sampling and analysis performed near potential source areas.

- As a part of our original TBA work, we were required to identify PRPs that may have contributed significantly to contamination present at the Lake Conestee Site. I have continued to expand on that research over the last 20 years.

Thus far, I have only had a limited look at the 2nd phase results from the Department's SI work, focusing on upstream potential sources of contaminants, per EPA's PA report.

Thanks to your team for sharing that.

Here are a few initial observations from that first look at the upstream data:

- 1) Even with a limited high altitude look, the data is very compelling, and seems initially to confirm many of our working theories on potential origins of the contamination present in Lake Conestee.
- 2) I recognize the SI has limited scope and resources, but from my knowledge and experience of the Reedy River watershed, there are certain significant gaps in the sampling. As I understand EPA's charge to SCDHEC was to identify potential sources of contamination, other areas should perhaps be considered. I can assist Department staff in identifying those areas and putting them in context.
- 3) I am familiar with significant ancillary areas, likely similarly affected, not sampled.

Thanks again, Henry.

Again, it wouldn't be appropriate not to offer to assist.

I'll be giving some thought to data that may help fill gaps, or affirm other observations.

Be assured, we deeply appreciate all of the Department's assistance and partnership over the past 22 years.

Very best regards,

Dave

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On Thu, Dec 3, 2020 at 3:40 PM Porter, Henry <porterhj@dhec.sc.gov> wrote:
Dave,

I appreciate the offer, but this is something that needs to be done by our staff without any external assistance. As I mentioned when we talked on Monday, we do want to consider any sampling data that is relevant to this consideration. If you have any data that we may not have please provide it so that it can be considered.

Henry

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Subject: Fwd: Reedy River Sampling Data

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Thanks, Henry.

Preceding is my thanks to Jason and Robert for forwarding the data for the source area SI work.

As I offered in our call on Monday, I strongly encourage you to give me the opportunity to assist with supplemental data and context for your analysis.

Very best regards,

Brighter days are ahead!

Dave

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: David Hargett <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) >
Date: December 2, 2020 at 8:13:13 AM EST
To: "Williams, Jason C." <williajc@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: "Cole, Robert" <colerb@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: Reedy River Sampling Data

Thank you so much, Jason, for providing the data and location details for round 2 of your SI. I'll be diving into it right away.

Per my message to Robert, a couple of days ago, I'm eager to assist with filling data gaps where I can, and providing context for your analysis where that helps.

Very best regards,
Dave Hargett

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On Nov 30, 2020, at 2:51 PM, Williams, Jason C. <williajc@dhec.sc.gov> wrote:

Dave,

Attached are the data sets from our Reedy River sampling in October, along with a .KMZ showing the sample locations. Please note that the yellow pins are control/background locations while the blue pins are Reedy sample locations. A "S" after the location number in the data indicates that the sample was shallow (0-8") and a "D" denotes the deep sample (8-16"). We were unable to collect a deep sample at some locations due to the rocky nature of the streambed.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Jason

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